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Hi,

As a District Councillor in Malvern Hills these are my thoughts on the Boundary review and what we should be looking at:

It's hard not to look at this boundary review and say that it's at the wrong time to be doing it. In order to save a few thousand pounds in Councillor's expenses we're leaving ourselves open – in the north of the district – to massively under represent residents taking away the democratic value of the council. Over the past few years in Malvern Hills District we have agreed one urban extension – 2,600 homes in Broadheath under SWDP and are currently embarking on another review which will add 1,000 homes into the same area under Rushwick under SWDP. It leaves 2027 being an 'inbetween year'.

The first will be half way through the build out by 2027. Rushwick will be due to start 3 years later. This means 2,300 more homes in this area alone in the few years that follow this review. Whilst I am sure there is never a good time to carry out this sort of review common sense says that these facts should be taken into account and I've tried to factor the fact that without doing another boundary review within the following 4 years - and possibly creating another parish altogether we have to try and accommodate these extra houses within what we'll already have.

That's why for me the Independent councillors suggestion doesn't fully work although I've used it as my starting point and changes below correspond to changes to that piece of work.

Having said the agreed number is 31 and as I'm focusing on the area I know the best – the north. Using the great work done by Peter Whatley I've reviewed the proposed areas within the north of the district and come up with the following which to mean works in every way – bringing together the right areas, not splitting parishes, improves on where we are now and allows for further growth beyond.

Where all wards come out at the right number of electorate apart from two – one below and one above – these two are no more out than some of the proposed wards in the centre of Malvern.

You can find the full file attached which along with the run through below I hope helps.

I'm going to start with the obvious changes that should be made.

Both Lower Broadheath and Rushwick are the fastest growing areas in the District. As it stands if we don't separate them but give them a little room to grow over the coming years then we'll be doing this review every year.

So taking Rushwick, Broadwas and Cotheridge out of the existing Broadheath ward makes sense. If we're aiming for 2,250 electorate per area this gives this area 2,260. Within the following 13 years it will grow to around 3,500 so could become a two member ward at the next review.

Broadheath, having been removed from the above, should sit on it's own but I'd rename as Broadheath & Crown East as it will be taking in all of the new development of which around half will have been built out by 2027 but with the remaining 1,300 homes to be built.

Again looking at the target of 2,250 electorates per area this would give Broadheath and Crown East slightly under at 2,123 (6% under target) but would be at the right level within a couple of years and then go beyond the required amount beyond that time. At a future Boundary review it could be that this area sees the formation of a new Parish so bringing Broadheath & Crown East back in line.

Leigh and Bransford is one of the trickiest due to the Parish Councils and retaining them together. The figure of 2,250 is difficult to get to without splitting Parishes so I'd take the view that Parishes remain together as end up with a number slightly higher than we would ideally want. Due to the growth in the entire area over the time I would lose Knightwick and Doddenham. The Independent appraisal from Peter already recommends losing Doddenham to Martley and Teme but I believe it shares a Parish Council with Knightwick so makes sense.

It does still leave Leigh and Bransford with 2,870 electorate which is 21% above the ideal (11% above the ideal threshold) – but this will be nothing compared to the increase we'll see in Broadheath and Rushwick mentioned above when they increase – in fact it will be inline. It also no more per councillor than proposed in central Malvern wards.

The new Martley and Teme Valley ward makes sense and brings us to 3,920 electorate for 2 councillors. As I've said above I've moved Knightwick and Doddenham into this one. I've also moved Great Witley and Hillampton. This puts it only 14% below the ideal number for two councillors (4% below the threshold) but all areas are growing – in particular Martley so will be at threshold soon after 2027. It also means that other areas work better and puts areas together that work far better.

Martley and Teme Valley will actually cover Martley which should run right down Ankerdine hill into Knightwick and stop at Great Witley, which works better with Little Witley and Shrawley in Baldwin (See below)

Hallow and Holt has to be a thing. Hallow, Grimley and Holt should all have always been together – it makes sense from many different aspects – schools, parishes, and local organisations. It also gives us 2,349 electorate which is great.

Finally, we have Baldwin ward. There is very little growth here over the coming years and Holt should move to Hallow as above. As above I've moved Great Witley and Hillampton in to join up these and have Little Witley and Great Witley together. This makes more sense than now and gives an area of potential growth that Baldwin was lacking before.

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Baldwin	1	1,737	7%	2,345	4%
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Leigh & Bransford	1	2,694	65%	2,870	28%
Martley & Teme Valley	2	1,543	-53%	3,920	-13%

I've focused on getting these areas right. In terms of the magic 2,250 electorate per councillor we're not far away at all.

Baldwin, Rushwick and Hallow are all very close. Broadheath very slightly under but will grow out. Leigh and Bransford is slightly over and Martley slightly under.

As Leigh and Bransford border the Martley and Teme Valley ward it could be that some of Leigh goes into Martley but I would argue that all areas are going to see growth and are likely to catch up over the years that follow 2027. I am happy with what I've recommended.

Martley is only 14% under the recommended size and Leigh is only 21% over. Looking at what has been recommended for some of the central Malvern wards, such as Malvern Priory, Malvern West, Malvern Link etc – this is much better than those wards.

I have only focused on this area. No other area has been affected by these proposal as I've only moved parishes within these wards. We still come out at 31 councillors if we take the rest of the numbers from the Independent councillor's review which is the base from which I worked.

All the best,

Daniel.

Independent Councillor for Broadheath Ward
Malvern Hills District Council



Electoral data

Malvern Hills

Using this sheet:

Fill in the cells for each polling district. Please make sure that the names of each parish, parish ward and borough ward are correct and consistent.

Check your data in the cells to the right.

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What is the polling district code?	Is there any other description you use for this area?	Is this polling district contained in a parish? If not, leave this cell blank.	Is this polling district contained in a parish ward? If not, leave this cell blank.	Is this polling district contained in a group of parishes with a joint parish council? If not, leave this cell blank.	What ward is this polling district in?	What is the current electorate?	What is the predicted electorate?	What is the predicted electorate?
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Polling district	Description of area	Parish	Parish ward	Grouped parish council	Existing ward	Electorate 2020	Electorate 2026	Electorate 2027
EX1	Example 1	Little Example			Little and Even Littler	480	502	502
EX2	Example 2	Even Littler Example			Little and Even Littler	67	68	68
EX3	Example 3	Medium Example			Example	893	897	897
EX4	Example 4	Big Example	Big Example East		Example	759	780	780
EX5	Example 5	Big Example	Big Example West		Example	803	824	824

BLW1	n/a	Astley and Dunley			Baldwin	833	951	967
BLW2	n/a				Hallow & Holt	541	572	577
WDY4	n/a	Little Witley			Baldwin	251	263	263
BLW3	n/a	Shrawley			Baldwin	363	381	388
BRH1	n/a	Broadwas	Broadwas and Cotheridge		Rushwick & Broadwas	313	327	337
BRH2	n/a	Cotheridge	Broadwas and Cotheridge		Rushwick & Broadwas	203	207	215
HLW1	n/a	Grimley			Hallow & Holt	521	547	549
HLW2	n/a	Hallow			Hallow & Holt	1119	1162	1223
BRH3	n/a	Lower Broadheath			Broadheath & Crown East	1497	2037	2123
KMP1	n/a	Croome D'Abilot	Severn Stoke and Croome D		Kempsey	80	85	87
KMP2	n/a	Kempsey			Kempsey	3240	3724	4164
KMP3	n/a	Severn Stoke	Severn Stoke and Croome D		Kempsey	470	488	500
AFL1	n/a	Alfrick	Alfrick and Lulsley		Leigh & Bransford	447	472	511
AFL2	n/a	Bransford	Leigh and Bransford		Leigh & Bransford	410	414	435
AFL6	n/a	Leigh Hurst	Leigh and Bransford		Leigh & Bransford	466	421	421
AFL7	n/a	Leigh Sinton	Leigh and Bransford		Leigh & Bransford	770	900	870
AFL5	n/a	Lulsley	Alfrick and Lulsley		Leigh & Bransford	113	117	120
BRH4	n/a	Rushwick			Rushwick & Broadwas	1065	1708	1708
AFL8	n/a	Suckley			Leigh & Bransford	488	510	513
LNR1	n/a	Bayton			Lindridge	429	445	457
LNR2	n/a	Knighton-on-Teme			Lindridge	443	463	469
LNR3	n/a	Lindridge			Lindridge	617	650	655
LNR4	n/a	Mamble			Lindridge	251	261	265
WDY5	n/a	Pensax			Lindridge	278	286	294
LNR5	n/a	Stockton on Teme			Lindridge	113	119	119
LGD1	n/a	Berrow			Longdon	282	282	297
MRT1	n/a	Birtsmorton			Longdon	227	238	241
LGD2	n/a	Busley			Longdon	237	251	252
LGD3	n/a	Eldersfield			Longdon	463	497	492
LGD4	n/a	Holdfast	Longdon, Queenhill and Hold		Longdon	41	44	43
LGD5	n/a	Longdon	Longdon, Queenhill and Hold		Longdon	408	420	428
LGD6	n/a	Pendock			Longdon	274	291	292
LGD7	n/a	Queenhill	Longdon, Queenhill and Hold		Longdon	50	54	51
MCH1	n/a	Malvern Chase NO1	Malvern Town - Chr	Malvern Town	Malvern Chase	830	1168	1281
MCH2	n/a	Malvern Chase NO2	Malvern Town - Chr	Malvern Town	Malvern Chase	2379	2559	2601
MCH3	n/a	Malvern Chase NO3	Malvern Town - Chr	Malvern Town	Malvern Chase	1564	1647	1660
MDP1	n/a	Malvern Dyson Perrins NO1	Malvern Town - Dys	Malvern Town	Malvern Dyson Perrins	904	939	954
MDP2	n/a	Malvern Dyson Perrins NO2	Malvern Town - Dys	Malvern Town	Malvern Dyson Perrins	1254	1318	1330
MDP3	n/a	Malvern Dyson Perrins NO3	Malvern Town - Dys	Malvern Town	Malvern Dyson Perrins	1313	1371	1402
MLK1	n/a	Malvern Link NO1	Malvern Town - Lint	Malvern Town	Malvern Link	1358	1440	1445
MLK2	n/a	Malvern Link NO2	Malvern Town - Lint	Malvern Town	Malvern Link	1762	1885	1881
MLK3	n/a	Malvern Link NO3	Malvern Town - Lint	Malvern Town	Malvern Link	1746	2162	2445
PWK4	n/a	Newland			Malvern Link	252	270	274
MPK1	n/a	Malvern Pickersleigh NO1	Malvern Town - Picl	Malvern Town	Malvern Pickersleigh	1600	1692	1700
MPK2	n/a	Malvern Pickersleigh NO2	Malvern Town - Picl	Malvern Town	Malvern Pickersleigh	1259	1408	1422
MPK3	n/a	Malvern Pickersleigh NO3	Malvern Town - Picl	Malvern Town	Malvern Pickersleigh	1582	1622	1675
MPR1	n/a	Malvern Priory NO1	Malvern Town - Pric	Malvern Town	Malvern Priory	1100	1225	1220
MPR2	n/a	Malvern Priory NO2	Malvern Town - Pric	Malvern Town	Malvern Priory	1248	1299	1326
MPR3	n/a	Malvern Priory NO3	Malvern Town - Pric	Malvern Town	Malvern Priory	876	936	928
MWS1	n/a	Malvern West NO1	Malvern Town - Nor	Malvern Town	Malvern West	2191	2368	2358
MWS2	n/a	Malvern West NO2			Malvern West	1079	1127	1136
WDY1	n/a	Abberley			Martley & Teme Valley	573	697	699
TMV1	n/a	Clifton Upon Teme			Martley & Teme Valley	605	670	718
AFL3	n/a	Doddenham	Knightwick and Doddenham		Martley & Teme Valley	215	226	227
WDY2	n/a	Great Witley	Great Witley and Hillhampton	Baldwin		569	586	603
WDY3	n/a	Hillhampton	Great Witley and Hillhampton	Baldwin		120	121	124
MTL1	n/a	Kenswick	Kenswick and Wichenford	Martley & Teme Valley		59	62	63
AFL4	n/a	Knightwick	Knightwick and Doddenham	Martley & Teme Valley		87	91	93
TMV4	n/a	Lower Sapey		Martley & Teme Valley		146	153	156
MTL2	n/a	Martley		Martley & Teme Valley		1091	1148	1164
TMV5	n/a	Shelsley Beauchamp	The Shelsleys	Martley & Teme Valley		183	186	193
TMV6	n/a	Shelsley Kings	The Shelsleys	Martley & Teme Valley		154	167	166
TMV7	n/a	Shelsley Walsh	The Shelsleys	Martley & Teme Valley		17	17	18
MTL3	n/a	Wichenford	Kenswick and Wichenford	Martley & Teme Valley		393	421	423
PWK1	n/a	Callow End	Powick - Callow En	Powick		1063	1104	1125
PWK2	n/a	Guarlford		Powick & Hanley		219	234	234
UPH1	n/a	Hanley Castle		Powick & Hanley		1146	1209	1295
PWK3	n/a	Madresfield		Powick & Hanley		125	129	132
PWK5	n/a	Powick	Powick - Powick W	Powick		1703	1841	1933
TBY1	n/a	Bockleton	Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockle	Tenbury		155	162	166
TMV2	n/a	Eastham		Tenbury		203	209	215
TMV3	n/a	Hanley		Tenbury		240	251	253
TBY2	n/a	Kyre	Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockle	Tenbury		100	107	105
TBY3	n/a	Rochford		Tenbury		193	198	205
TMV8	n/a	Stanford with Orleton		Tenbury		140	161	151
TBY4	n/a	Stoke Bliss	Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockle	Tenbury		180	191	189
TBY6	n/a	Tenbury St Michaels	Tenbury Town - St I	Tenbury Town		296	308	315
TBY5	n/a	Tenbury Town	Tenbury Town - Tov	Tenbury Town		2104	2522	2583
RPL1	n/a	Earls Croome		Upton & Ripple		195	206	207
RPL2	n/a	Hill Croome		Upton & Ripple		130	137	137
RPL3	n/a	Ripple		Upton & Ripple		421	509	563
RPL4	n/a	Ripple(HG)		Upton & Ripple		806	827	856
UPH2	n/a	Upton-Upon-Severn (Hook)	Upton upon Severn	Upton upon Severn Town		185	204	195
UPH3	n/a	Upton-Upon-Severn (Longdon Heath)	Upton upon Severn	Upton upon Severn Town		725	728	761
UPH4	n/a	Upton-Upon-Severn (Town)	Upton upon Severn	Upton upon Severn Town		1483	1557	1587
MRT2	n/a	Castlemorton		Wells & Morton		514	541	545
MWL1	n/a	Malvern Wells NO1	Malvern Wells - All	Malvern Wells		1190	1249	1258
MWL2	n/a	Malvern Wells NO2	Malvern Wells - St F	Malvern Wells		1362	1436	1441
MWL3	n/a	Malvern Wells NO3		Wells & Morton		35	40	37
MRT3	n/a	Welland	Little Malvern and Welland	Wells & Morton		1163	1165	1239

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Check your data	2020	2027
Number of councillors:	38	31
Overall electorate:	61,888	69,738
Average electorate per cllr:	1,629	2,250
		4,499

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Malvern Chase	2	4,773	47%	5,542	23%
Malvern Dyson Perrins	2	3,471	7%	3,686	-18%
Malvern Link	2	4,866	49%	6,045	34%
Malvern Pickersleigh	2	4,441	36%	4,797	7%
Malvern Priory	2	3,224	-1%	3,474	-23%
Malvern West	2	3,270	0%	3,494	-22%
Martley & Teme Valley	2	1,543	-53%	3,920	-13%
Powick & Hanley	2	3,362	3%	4,719	5%
Tenbury	2	3,028	-7%	4,182	-7%
Upton & Ripple	2	3,539	9%	4,306	-4%
Wells & Morton	2	2,587	-21%	4,520	0%

	31	69,738	1,945
Malvern Wards	27,038		
	38.77		
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